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INS Holds Special Naturalization Ceremony for 105 New Citizens

(Indianapolis) The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), along with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, held a special naturalization ceremony today for 105 new United States citizens representing 25 different countries from around the world. This ceremony was held at the Morton Community Center in West Lafayette, Indiana as part of that town's annual Global Fest. Of the 105 new citizens, Mexico had the largest representation (20%), followed by India (16%) and then Canada (8%).

"As we celebrate this Labor Day weekend by recognizing the strength and prosperity that American workers have contributed to this nation, we welcome these new United States citizens to the many opportunities offered by our wonderful country," said Don Ferguson, Officer-in-Charge of the Indianapolis office of the INS. "Throughout our history immigrants have contributed to the strong work ethic and determination of this country."

The Honorable Allen Sharp, District Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, administered the oath of allegiance to all 105 new citizens. Family and friends joined the new citizens in celebrating this festive occasion.

Granting U.S. citizenship to eligible candidates is one of the main priorities of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Last year the INS naturalized over 2,000 new U.S. citizens in the state of Indiana.

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